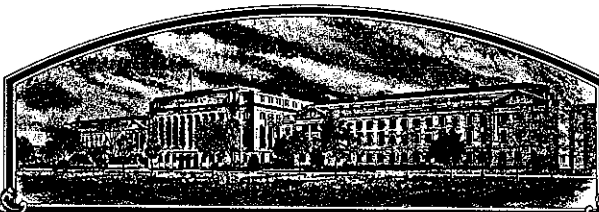


No.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE
Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'S23-03'

Attest:

Bennett A. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the Plant
Variety Protection Office to be affixed
at the City of Washington, D. C.
this 28th day of November in
the year of our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and eighty-six.

Richard E. Lyng
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
WAREHOUSE & SEED DIVISION

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

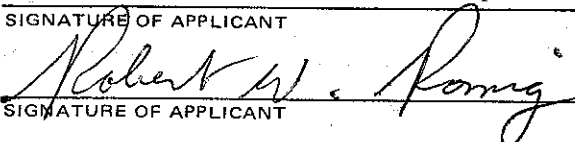
1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION 735028	3. VARIETY NAME S23-03
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440		5. PHONE (Include area code) 612-781-8011	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY VPVO NUMBER 8400120
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE 6/5/84 TIME 8:30 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.
8. KIND NAME Soybeans	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION March, 1983		FEES RECEIVED AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 1,800 DATE 6/5/84 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 200.00 DATE October 20, 1986
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation			12. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1896
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware			
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS Robert W. Romig Northrup King Co. P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 612-781-8011 PHONE (Include area code):			
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED			
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of the Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of the Variety			
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified	
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN OFFERED FOR SALE OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT 		DATE 6/1/84	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	

EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

- 1974-76 - The soybean research group at Washington, Iowa made the cross 'B216' x 'Hodgson' and advanced the population to F₆. In October, 1976, we selected 100 random plants from this cross and threshed them individually.
- 1977 - We grew each of the 100 plant selections in an F₇ progeny row. We chose one of these, numbered 735028, on the basis of agronomic appearance to be tested in a preliminary yield trial. This line was subsequently named S23-03.
- 1978-81 - We tested S23-03 in replicated yield trials at several midwestern locations and found it to yield well compared to other early to mid Group II varieties. We determined that S23-03 has purple flowers, grey pubescence, brown nods, yellow seedcoats, and buff hila. We tested its tolerance to iron deficiency chlorosis in field trials and found it to be moderately resistant.

In 1981 we began purification and seed increase from 500 grams of carefully hand-rogued seed. We removed all plants not conforming to the variety description by roguing the increase block several times. Growth and maturity were uniform.

- 1982-83 - We continued to test S23-03 in Advanced Group II yield trials to confirm performance, early Group II maturity, iron chlorosis resistance, and descriptive characteristics.

We grew Breeder Seed of S23-03 from the small increase produced in 1981. The field was carefully rogued. We produced Foundation Seed of S23-03 in 1983. The Iowa Crop Improvement Association inspected the production fields and found them to meet the requirements for Foundation Seed. S23-03 was accepted as eligible for certification by the National Soybean Variety Review Board on December 8, 1983.

Variety S23-03 is stable and uniform. No variants have been observed in six years of yield testing and three years of seed increase.

Northrup King will maintain varietal purity by periodic use of progeny rows.

EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement for the Variety

Variety S23-03 is most similar to S1492, B216, and Harcor. It has purple flower color while B216 and S1492 have white flowers. S23-03 has buff hilum color while Harcor has yellow hilum color.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION 735028	VARIETY NAME S23-03
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P. O. Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440 Attention: Robert Romig		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 8400120

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,).

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = ≤ 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2 ; T/W = ≤ 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2 ; L/T ratio = ≤ 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2 ; T/W > 1.2)

2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☒ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☒ 21 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

13. FLOWER COLOR:

☒ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

14. POD COLOR:

☒ 2

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☒ 1

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☒ 21 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

17. PLANT HABIT:

☒ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

18. MATURITY GROUP:

☒ 5

1 = 000

2 = 00

3 = 0

4 = I

5 = II

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

9 = VI

10 = VII

11 = VIII

12 = IX

13 = X

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

☐Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)☒ 1Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)☐Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

☒ 1Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)☐

Race 1

☐

Race 2

☐

Race 3

☐

Race 4

☐

Race 5

☐

Other (Specify)

☐Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)☒ 1Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)☒ 1Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ☒ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *sojae*)
☒ 1 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
☒ 1 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
 Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
☒ 1 Race 1 ☒ 1 Race 2 ☒ 1 Race 3 ☒ 1 Race 4 ☒ 1 Race 5 ☒ 1 Race 6 ☒ 1 Race 7
☒ 1 Race 8 ☒ 1 Race 9 ☐ Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☒ 1 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
☐ Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
☐ Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
☐ Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
☒ 1 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
☒ 1 Race 1 ☒ 1 Race 2 ☒ 1 Race 3 ☒ 1 Race 4 ☐ Other (Specify) _____
☐ Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
☐ Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
☐ Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
☐ Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
☐ Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
☐ OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☒ 2 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
☐ Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
☐ Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	S1492	Seed Coat Luster	Beeson
Leaf Shape	Hodgson	Seed Size	Corsoy
Leaf Color	Wells	Seed Shape	S1492
Leaf Size	Hodgson	Seedling Pigmentation	Harcor

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/ POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	123	2.5	84	3.5	9.4	39.0	21.0	15.5	2-3
Harcor Name of Similar Variety	124	3.6	94	4.0	8.7	37.8	21.1	13.9	2-3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

Soybean variety S23-03 is classified as early to mid Maturity Group II, maturing about one day earlier than B216, S1492, and Harcor. It has field resistance or tolerance to Phytophthora root rot and to iron deficiency chlorosis. Hypocotyl elongation at 25° C is less than 10 centimeters.